GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
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AGREEMENT WITH FOREIGN COMPANY TO TRAIN INDIAN PILOTS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has entered into an agreement with a foreign company to train Indian pilots;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the company is likely to develop pilot training infrastructure on modern lines;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the number of pilots to be trained in the first phase; and

(f) the time by which the shortage of pilots is likely to be overcome?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a):- Yes, Sir.

(b):- A management contract has been signed between Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Uran Akademi (IGRUA) and M/s. CAE Inc. and a Joint Venture agreement has been signed between Airports Authority of India and M/s. CAE Inc., Canada for establishment of Rajiv Gandhi National Flying Training Institute (RGNFTI) at Gondia, Maharashtra.

(c):- Yes, Sir.

(d):- M/s. CAE would implement a professional management system at IGRUA on modern lines. RGNFTI will also have State of art training facilities like simulator, office automation equipment, other training devices with course material and modern techniques meeting the Directorate General of Civil Aviation requirements.

(e):- The training capacity of IGRUA will increase from 40 cadets per year at present to 100 cadets per year and also the training period will come down from two years to one year. RGNFTI will also train 100 students within one year of inception.

(f):- With augmentation of training capacity, the demand of trained pilots will be met to a great extent.